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words, and produced original work instead of compilation. As it stands, the book is a good piece of regulation revision, but not more.

G. R. P.

LEADING CASES DONE INTO ENGLISH, AND OTHER DIVERSIONS. By Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart. Macmillan & Co. London and New York.

It is pleasing occasionally to receive for review a book that is not to be treated too strenuously. All of us who ever unbend know what a rich field the law offers for humorous banter, especially if we have read the literature of judicial humor in the biographies of the legal great. It is the law looked at from this distance, treated in a tone of frivolous disinterestedness, that gives Sir Frederick Pollock's light verses their charm and their excuse. Those who have found his fun an oasis among the text-books will look with interest at his more airy flight. His wings, by the way, are cased in a binding of perfect taste. And it may be said to the sober that the verses follow so accurately the facts of the cases that time spent over them is not useless as a review.

N. H.

PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF WILLS, WITH SELECTED CASES. By Stewart Chaplin, Professor of Law in the Metropolitan Law School. New York : Baker, Voorhis, & Co. 1892. Pages xxiv, 505.

This book is admirably adapted to its purpose. It is a book for the use of students, clear, concise, teaching all branches of the laws of wills generally and none exhaustively. It is a view of the general principles that it is written to present, not of the details. The text is followed by cases without head-notes and freely shortened, and occasionally by abstracts of decisions, called "Illustrations." Fuller references are given in the notes. No extended discussions are undertaken of doubtful or difficult points; but for a clearly arranged and clearly written elementary explanation of the general law of wills, it is in every respect satisfactory.

N. H.

THE AMERICAN DIGEST. ANNUAL FOR 1892, Sept. 1, 1891, to Aug. 31, 1892. Edited by the Editorial Staff of the National Reporter System. St. Paul, Minn. : West Publishing Co., 1892.

This digest, standing fairly as the best and most complete in existence, keeps the same general form as last year. The new minor changes are improvements. The size is increased (6046 pages), the new thousand pages being due largely to many new cases, partly to the methods for increased facility in finding cases (already admirable), given by more cross-references and black letter headings.

N. H.